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HOUSE BILL No. 1258

DIGEST OF HB 1258 (Updated January 22, 2014 4:07 pm - DI 84)

Citations Affected: IC 25-22.5.

Synopsis: Distance treatment by physicians. Requires the medical licensing board to adopt emergency rules to establish: (1) a pilot program to allow treatment, including issuing a prescription, without the establishment of an in person patient-physician relationship; and (2) standards and procedures for physicians in the pilot program. Requires the medical licensing board to adopt rules that allow for the treatment, including issuing a prescription, without the establishment of an in person patient-physician relationship by a physician licensed in Indiana whose practice is located in Indiana.

Effective: Upon passage.

**Shackleford, Davisson, Clere,
Stemler**

January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.
January 23, 2014, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-22.5-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 14. Distance Treatment**

5 **Sec. 1. (a) Before June 1, 2014, the board shall adopt emergency**
6 **rules in the manner provided under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to do the**
7 **following:**

8 **(1) Establish a pilot program to allow treatment, including**
9 **issuing a prescription, without the establishment of an in**
10 **person patient-physician relationship.**

11 **(2) Establish standards and procedures for physicians in the**
12 **pilot program.**

13 **(b) The emergency rules adopted under subsection (a) must**
14 **include the following:**

15 **(1) The pilot program must include only physicians licensed**
16 **in Indiana with an established physical practice in Indiana.**

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1 **(2) The pilot program must include either a minimum of:**

2 **(A) two hundred (200) total visits; or**

3 **(B) one hundred (100) visits that include the issuing of a**
4 **prescription.**

5 **(3) The pilot program must be limited to primary care that is**
6 **not emergency care.**

7 **(c) An emergency rule adopted under subsection (a) remains in**
8 **effect until the effective date of the permanent rules adopted under**
9 **section 2 of this chapter.**

10 **(d) This section expires June 1, 2016.**

11 **Sec. 2. Not more than six (6) months after the completion of the**
12 **pilot program under section 1 of this chapter but before June 1,**
13 **2015, the board shall adopt permanent rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
14 **allow for the treatment described in section 1 of this chapter,**
15 **including issuing a prescription, without the establishment of an in**
16 **person patient-physician relationship by a physician licensed in**
17 **Indiana whose practice is located in Indiana.**

18 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1258, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1258 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

Representative Clere

